

MICHAEL O. SCHEINBERG  
Patent Attorney

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 02 2004

# Fax

# OFFICIAL

**Name:** Commissioner for Patents  
**Organization:** United States Patent and Trademark Office  
**Fax:** 703-872-9306

**From:** Michael O. Scheinberg  
**Date:** March 2, 2004  
**Subject:** Application No: 01987944.4-2208  
**Pages:** 24/16

**RE:** Application No.: 09/755,775  
Filing Date: January 4, 2001  
Attorney Docket No.: BY-01701USD1

1. Transmittal
2. IDS
3. Two References
3. Copies of Search Report

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: Unless otherwise indicated or obvious from the nature of the transmittal, the information contained in this facsimile message is attorney privileged and confidential information intended for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify the sender by telephone and return the original message to Michael O. Scheinberg at the above address via the U.S. Postal Service at our expense.

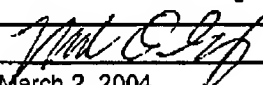
PTO/SB/21 (08-03)

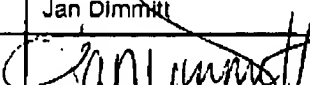
Approved for use through 08/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	09/755,775
	Filing Date	January 4, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Andrew J. Katrinez Jr.
	Art Unit	2875
	Examiner Name	Stephen F. Husar
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	BY-01701USD1

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks _____		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Michael O. Scheinberg
Signature	
Date	March 2, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.	
Typed or printed name	Jan Dimmitt
Signature	
Date	March 2, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Attorney Docket No.:BY-01701USD1

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

SERIAL NO.: 09/755,775 ART UNIT: 2875  
APPLICANT: Andrew J. Katrinez, Jr. EXAMINER: Stephen F. Husar  
FILING DATE: January 4, 2001  
TITLE: Low Power, Low Cost Illuminated Keyboards and Keypads

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 02 2004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

OFFICIAL

Pursuant to the guidelines for Information Disclosure Statements, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, attached hereto is a PTO Form 1449 (One Sheet) with references listed for consideration by the Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a), copies of the listed written references are being provided.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g)-(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of any final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being transmitted via facsimile to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2004.

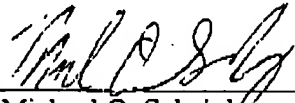
By:   
Jan Dimmitt

*Attorney Docket No.: BY-01701USD1*

The foreign search report which cited the attached references is included as a concise explanation of the relevance of the foreign language reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/2/04

By:   
Michael O. Scheinberg, Reg. No. 36,919  
P.O. Box 164140  
Austin, Texas 78716-4140  
Telephone: (512) 328-9510  
Facsimile: (512) 306-1963





P.B.5818 - Patentaan 2  
2280 HV Rijswijk (ZH)  
☎ +31 70 340 2040  
TX 31851 epo nl  
FAX +31 70 340 3016

Europäisches  
Patentamt

Zweigstelle  
in Den Haag  
Rechtsanwalts-  
abteilung

European  
Patent Office

Branch at  
The Hague  
Search  
division

Office européen  
des brevets

Département à  
La Haye  
Division de la  
recherche

Hoarton, Lloyd Douglas Charles  
Forrester & Boehmert,  
Pettenkoferstrasse 20-22  
80336 München  
ALLEMAGNE

**FORRESTER & BOEHMERT**

Env. Rec. **03. FEB. 2004**

File Form:

Ex. / Desk w:

Date/Date

**03.02.04**

Zeichen/Ref./Réf.

**FB9993/E15099EP**

Anmeldung Nr./Application No./Demande n°/Patent Nr./Patent No./Brevet n°

**99935797.3-2423-US9916523**

Anmelder/Applicant/Demandeur/Patentinhaber/Propriétaire/Titulaire

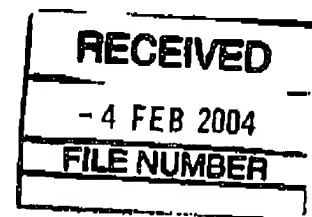
**Twenty-First Century Technology, Inc.**

## COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits as an enclosure the European search report for the above-mentioned European patent application.

If applicable, copies of the documents cited in the European search report are attached.

☒ Additional set(s) of copies of the documents cited in the European search report is (are) enclosed as well.



## REFUND OF THE SEARCH FEE

If applicable under Article 10 Rules relating to fees, a separate communication from the Receiving Section on the refund of the search fee will be sent later.





European Patent  
Office

**SUPPLEMENTARY  
EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT**

Application Number  
**EP 99 93 5797**

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.7)
X	DE 297 11 813 U (BOHSE HORST) 28 August 1997 (1997-08-28) * the whole document *	1-26	F21V9/16 H01H13/70
X	DE 196 12 473 A (SHINETSU POLYMER CO) 10 October 1996 (1996-10-10) * the whole document *	1-26	
			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int.Cl.7)
			H01H
The supplementary search report has been based on the last set of claims valid and available at the start of the search.			
Place of search <b>THE HAGUE</b>		Date of completion of the search <b>27 January 2004</b>	Examiner <b>Libberecht, L</b>
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons			

1

PM 15:03 03.02 (P04C04)

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT  
ON EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO.**

EP 99 93 5797

This annex lists the patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned European search report. The members are as contained in the European Patent Office EDP file on  
The European Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

27-01-2004

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
DE 29711813 U	28-08-1997	DE 29711813 U1	28-08-1997
DE 19612473 A	10-10-1996	JP 8273473 A	18-10-1996
		CN 1140321 A ,8	15-01-1997
		DE 19612473 A1	10-10-1996
		US 5655826 A	12-08-1997